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Resident's Nephew Executed In Cuba

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MEMBERS CHARGED

The alleged members of the ring were charged with providing military, political and economic information to the CIA.

The three executed June 1 were identified as Alberto Cesareo Fernandez Medrana, Manuel Paradela Gomez and Marcelino Martinez Tapia.

Diaz Infante worked for the ministry in Oriente Province, which suffered from serious food shortage in early months of this year.

Two other officials of the ministry, identified as Francisco Linares Serramos and Saturnino Polon Pinero, also were said to have confessed to working for the CIA. They were given "severe" prison sentences.

An identical report published in three Havana newspapers said Diaz Infante had organized a ring to compile economic and food distribution information which was sent to CIA via a "counter revolutionary organization" which served U.S. intelligence by attempting to disrupt the distribution system and create discontent in the country.

The execution of Diaz Infante brought to eight the number of alleged CIA agents executed in the past two weeks and appeared to indicate a decision by Cuban authorities to take harsher measures against internal opposition.

CONFIRMED REPORTS

Mrs. Tavenner, who asked that her Ft. Lauderdale address not be published, confirmed reports that harsher measures were to be taken.

"Castro is getting so mean that everyone he gets his hands on that doesn't agree with him is killed," Mrs. Tavenner said she learned from Cubans in Miami.

"There are some people who get into Cuba and come back with information," she said.

"I think he was a hero, for he worked and fought for the Cuban people," she sobbed.

She reported "everybody is suspicious of everybody" in Cuba, and one little thing can bring a great deal of trouble to those in Cuba.

She was critical of the Cubans in the United States.

"They talk too much as to don't they do it and not tell what they are going to do. Why everybody what they are going to do," she said. "It's ridiculous to tell what they are going to do. Castro has ruined so many lives. It's terrible in Cuba."

As for getting Castro out, Mrs. Tavenner said, "All they have to fight with is little guns and a few boats. What can they do?" It's not enough. Castro has too much power. The hit and run attacks on Cuba are only making matters worse for the people living in Cuba."

Mrs. Tavenner termed Cuba as an "awful place" for human beings.

"The jails are so full," she reported.

She regretted that she may never again see her mother and father, who are still living in Oriente Province where Diaz Infante and others worked.

The province suffered an acute food shortage in the first months of this year and Castro himself devoted much of his time to solving the problem.

Reports were published in the press about towns and villages which had not received meat, milk and egg deliveries for months.

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A 28-year-old nephew of a Ft. Lauderdale resident, who wouldn't heed the warning of relatives in Cuba to stay out of the fight against Prime Minister Fidel Castro, was executed June 4 as a "confessed" agent of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Mrs. Beatrice Tavenner, who has lived in Ft. Lauderdale with her husband and children for seven years said she heard at 3 p.m. Friday that her nephew, Miguel Cesar Diaz Infante of San Diego, had been executed.

"I received a call from a relative in Chicago that he had been killed," Mrs. Tavenner said, "and since that time I listened to the radio for confirmation. It came today."

LIVES IN CUBA

A relative living in Cuba called those living in Chicago to warn them not to call Cuba "for it will cause more trouble for those still in Cuba."

The Havana press identified Diaz Infante as a Ministry of Interior Commerce official and described him as a confessed agent of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

"I knew he was working for the CIA," Mrs. Tavenner said. The alleged agent was said

to have provided the CIA with important information about food distribution and resources, to have falsified figures of distribution and consumption and to have passed on military information.

Three alleged members of an espionage ring at Camaguey in central Cuba were condemned to death and executed June 1.

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Former Cuban Air Chief Rips Poverty War as Red

By Babs Fenwick

The former commander-in-chief of the Cuban Air Force Monday labeled the war on poverty as a Communist gimmick and a violation of Christian philosophy.

Maj. Pedro Diaz Lanz, in power before and shortly after Castro seized control of Cuba, addressed the Oklahoma City Speakers Forum for three hours, attacking the Washington administration, the U. S. Supreme Court, atheism, the Central Intelligence Agency, national magazines and bloody massacres in Cuba, Martin Luther King and peaceful demonstrators.

Diaz Lanz told the 200-member audience that "there's nothing wrong with poverty as long as you have honor and dignity." He charged that the war on poverty violates individual rights and the law of God because "it takes from the haves to give to the have nots." He said it is counter to Christian thinking "that thou shalt not covet a neighbor's property

The Cuban refugee said he had seen some happy poor people and some unhappy poor people; just as he had seen some unhappy wealthy people and some happy ones.

"But wealth has nothing to do with it. Happiness is a condition of the soul," he said. "You don't see Lyndon Johnson donating his millions to the program. He's talking about your money," Diaz Lanz added.

He also claimed the war on poverty follows Communist programs of getting people discontented and initiating a class struggle. Diaz Lanz spoke very little of Cuba during his talk, except to cite events which happened in his country that he claims are happening in America today.

Diaz Lanz told the audience that after he realized what communism had done to his country, he became "a born again Christian." He called Communists satan worshipers and masters of deceit who used the strategy of the devil.

The Cuban also blasted Look and Life magazines for printing issues for Communists," and added that "you can hardly find an issue that isn't."

He called anyone who opposes prayer and Bible reading in the schools atheists and said the only reason President Johnson used the nametag of the great society was so that "people might believe he is great."

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